

REMARKS

Claims 16, 17, 20, 22, 27 and 28 are now pending in the application. Claims 20, 22 and 28 are cancelled herein. Claims 16, 17 and 27 are allowed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 20, 22 and 28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masazumi et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,331,884) in view of Hashizume et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002-0062787) and further in view of Yamamoto et al. (JP Patent Document No. 09-138410). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding Applicant's traverse and solely in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant cancels claims 20, 22 and 28. Accordingly, this rejection should be moot.

Claims 20 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsieh et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,867,840) in view of Hashizume et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002-0062787) and further in view of Yamamoto et al. (JP Patent Document No. 09-138410). This rejection is respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding Applicant's traverse and solely in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant cancels claims 20 and 22. Accordingly, this rejection should be moot.

Claim 28 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hsieh et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,867,840) in view of Hashizume et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2002-0062787) and Yamamoto et al. (JP Patent Document No. 09-138410), and further in view of Yamamoto et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004-0201818). This rejection is respectfully

traversed. Notwithstanding Applicant's traverse and solely in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicant cancels claim 28. Accordingly, this rejection should be moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that claims 16, 17 and 27 are allowed. Inasmuch as claims 16, 17 and 27 are the only claims remaining in the application, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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